Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Government cannot hold out any such promise about this tank.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Since the Government have said that by spending Rs. 3,500 they can irrigate 100 acres of land and they can realise Rs. 700 as water cess why can't the Government spend that amount?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Government have not been able to satisfy the requirements of tanks with less cost than Rs. 3,500.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Considering the fact that 100 acres of land will be benefitted and a large number of cattle also stand to be benefitted by the improvement of this tank and in view of the answer given to the petitioners that the work will be taken up in 1109 if funds permit will it be considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Regarding the question of irrigating 100 acres of land there is the other rule that those who are benefitted by it must bear half the cost of it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Don't we collect land tax?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes. All the same for irrigation works our rule is that the beneficiaries must bear half the cost of it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If these lands are cultivated with second crop the second crop assessment will also be levied. Is it not so?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The question of second crop does not arise at all. When it is a question of irrigation of lands the parties should bear half of the cost.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at what distance of time we can expect Government to find funds for this small business?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not a small business. The Government cannot hold out any definite promise.

Construction of a road from Alur bridge to meet the Kaiparamba Panchayat road.

230. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations were not made to the Government to construct a road in continuation of the recently constructed Alur bridge to reach Kaiparamba Panchayat road in the Trichur Taluk;

(b) has the Road Board been consulted by the Government in the matter;

(c) has not the Chief Engineer received a petition from the inhabitants of Edakolathur and Kaiparamba villages stressing the necessity for the above connection?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this extension from the Alur Bridge to reach the Kaiparamba Panchayat Road will not shorten the route from Trichur to Guruvayur by 8 miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will shorten that route to some extent.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will it be 8 miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will not be 8 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the approximate distance is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

High School in Mattancheri—opening of.

231. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—With reference to the assurance of the Government that a High School for the public of Mattancheri would be given, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have since given up the idea; if not, what steps have been taken so far?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The idea of constructing a building for the High School at a site accessible to all castes has not been dropped, but for want of funds no provision could be made for it in the next year's budget.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it because the Government thinks that the question of a High School at Mattancheri is not very important that funds have not been provided?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not a question of Government thinking about the importance. It is exceedingly important. But the Hon'ble Member himself knows that a huge amount is required for this High School. We have not been able to find sufficient funds for this High School.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is not the matter of a High School in Mattancheri far more important than the huge investment at Ernakulam? To cross over to this side as well as to the High School at Palluruthy there is a great difficulty. Considering all these aspects is it not more important than your huge investment for which Government was able to find funds.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The school in Mattancheri is also equally important. As soon as Government find funds they will start it. At present there is a school there—T. D. School.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—This year we have got a surplus Budget. So you have not got funds for it?

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